

bases mushroomed over the Pacific and on the mainland as in Thailand and South Korea.

The Reagan administration meant a new stage in the imperialist aggression also for Vietnam. The US overtly declared that it would «bleed Vietnam white». In the course of a trip to Beijing in June 81, John Holdrige, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and the Pacific, said «so we will seek, if we can, to increase the political, economical and, yes, military pressures on Vietnam, working with others in ways which would bring about, we hope, some change in Hanoi's attitude towards the situation.»

The Palestinian people is quite aware that the enemies of Vietnam are also their enemies. Not only because of the imperialist policy of massacres in Vietnam as in Beirut, the threat of genocide and all out war, the use of reactionary proxies, etc., but because of every detail of imperialist strategy and tactics from Nixon to Reagan and the period before that.

Also the Palestinians know very well that they cannot achieve victory isolated, but like Vietnam will have to rely on the alliance with the socialist coun-



*In the streets of Hanoi the bicycle is still the prevailing means of transport*

tries, the national liberation movements, the democratic and progressive forces all over the world. The famous Vietnamese poet, Xuan Dieu, said: «A poet cannot remain impassive even when misfortune threatens somebody else's home, when evil and violence work their dark deeds.» Indeed the revolutionary poet is just this, because he conveys the experience of the revolutionary masses, in occupied Palestine as in liberated Vietnam.

So we are happy today to be able to congratulate a smiling, new Vietnam. They proved that a healthy society can be built on the soil poisoned by imperialism, the healing medicine being the revolution, the power in the hands of the proletariat. ●

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